

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for providing access to resources with the use of personal identification numbers, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from a subscriber to access a resource;

providing access to the resource regardless of subscriber identity if the resource is included in a system-wide always allow list;

~~providing access to the resource if the resource is included in a list associated with the subscriber, or in an always allow list associated with a plurality of subscribers; subscriber;~~

requiring the subscriber to input a personal identification number if the resource is not included in the list associated with the subscriber or in the system-wide always allow list; and

providing access to the resource if the subscriber inputs the correct personal identification number.

2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of adding the resource to the list associated with the subscriber if the subscriber inputs the correct personal identification number.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of denying access to the resource if the resource is included in an always deny list associated with a plurality of subscribers.

5. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of requiring the subscriber to input a personal identification number if the resource is included in an always require PIN list associated with a plurality of subscribers.

6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the resource is a telephone connection to a destination phone number.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access to resources with the use of personal identification numbers, comprising the steps of:

maintaining a first list of resources accessed by a user;

allowing the user to access resources included in the first list;

maintaining a second list of resources always allowed access ~~by a plurality of users;~~  
regardless of user identity;

allowing the user to access resources included in the second list;

requiring the user to enter a personal identification number to access a further resource not included in the first or second lists; and

adding the further resource that the user accesses using the personal identification number to the first list.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 9 further comprising the step of denying the user access to a still further resource if the still further resource is included in an always deny list associated with a plurality of users.

12. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 9 further comprising the step of requiring the user to input a personal identification number to access a still further resource included in an always require PIN list associated with a plurality of users.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9 wherein the resources are telephone connections to destination phone numbers.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing access to resources with the use of personal identification numbers, comprising:

means for receiving a request from a subscriber to access a resource;

means for providing access to the resource regardless of subscriber identity if the resource is included in a system-wide always allow list;

means for providing access to the resource if the resource is included in a list associated with the subscriber ~~or in an always allow list associated with a plurality of subscribers;~~

means for requiring the subscriber to input a personal identification number if the resource is not included in the list associated with the subscriber or in the system-wide always allow list; and

means for providing access to the resource if the subscriber inputs the correct personal identification number.

17. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 16 further comprising means for adding the resource to the list associated with the subscriber if the subscriber inputs the correct personal identification number.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) An apparatus as recited in claim 16 further comprising means for denying access to the resource if the resource is included in an always deny list associated with a plurality of subscribers.

20. (Previously presented) An apparatus as recited in claim 16 further comprising means for requiring the subscriber to input a personal identification number if the resource is included in an always require PIN list associated with a plurality of subscribers.

21. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 16 wherein the resource is a telephone connection to a destination phone number.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing access to resources with the use of personal identification numbers, comprising:

means for maintaining a first list of resources accessed by a user;

means for allowing the user to access resources included in the first list;

means for maintaining a second list of resources always allowed access ~~by a plurality of users; regardless of user identity;~~

means for allowing the user to access resources included in the second list;

means for requiring the user to enter a personal identification number to access a further resource not included in the first or second lists; and

means for adding the further resource that the user accesses using the personal identification number to the first list.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) An apparatus as recited in claim 24 further comprising means for denying the user access to a still further resource if the still further resource is included in an always deny list associated with a plurality of users.

27. (Previously presented) An apparatus as recited in claim 24 further comprising means for requiring the user to input a personal identification number to access a still further resource included in an always require PIN list associated with a plurality of users.

28. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 24 wherein the resources are telephone connections to destination phone numbers.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the always allow list comprises a phone number associated with emergency services.

32. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein the always deny list comprises a phone number associated with fraudulent use.

33. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the always require PIN list comprises a phone number associated with one of an international call and a 900 number call.

34. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the always allow list comprises a phone number associated with emergency services.

35. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein the always deny list comprises a phone number associated with fraudulent use.

36. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein the always require PIN list comprises a phone number associated with one of an international call and a 900 number call.

37. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the always allow list comprises a phone number associated with emergency services.

38. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the always deny list comprises a phone number associated with fraudulent use.

39. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the always require PIN list comprises a phone number associated with one of an international call and a 900 number call.

40. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the always allow list comprises a phone number associated with emergency services.

41. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the always deny list comprises a phone number associated with fraudulent use.

42. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the always require PIN list comprises a phone number associated with one of an international call and a 900 number call.